

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) A cable guide for a fiber optic cable, comprising:

a body having a first end and a second end opposite the first end, the first end adapted to be rotatably coupled to a boot, the body defining a passageway from the first end to the second end for receiving the fiber optic cable; and

a rotation key coupled to the body that limits rotation of the body with respect to the boot.

30. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, wherein the rotation key limits rotation of the body at a first and a second limit of rotation.

31. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 30, wherein the first limit of rotation is about 90 degrees in a first direction from a central rotational position and the second limit of rotation is about 90 degrees in a second direction from a first rotational position.

32. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, wherein the rotation key is disposed proximate the first end and is adapted to cooperate with a rotation control device of the boot.

33. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, wherein the rotation key extends outwardly from the body.

34. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, wherein the body of the cable guide is curved.

35. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, wherein the body of the cable guide is curved at a radius greater than or equal to a minimum bend radius of the fiber optic cable.

36. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, further comprising a head at the first end of the body.

37. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 36, wherein the head is substantially cylindrically shaped.

38. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 36, wherein the head comprises a plurality of interference ribs extending from the head.

39. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 38, wherein each interference rib is extends axially along an outer surface of the head.

40. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 29, further comprising a rigidity member.

41. (Original) The cable guide as recited in claim 40, wherein the rigidity member is substantially planar and extends axially from the body.

42. (Original) A boot for a fiber optic cable, comprising:
a body having a passageway therethrough and having a first end and a second end, the first end adapted to be rotatably coupled to a cable guide, the second end opposite the first end; and
a rotation control device coupled to the body that limits rotation of the body with respect to the cable guide.

43. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 42, wherein the rotation control device is disposed proximate the first end and is adapted to cooperate with a rotation key of the cable guide.

44. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 43, wherein the rotation control device extends axially from the first end of the body and defines a first surface at a first limit of rotation and

a second surface at a second limit of rotation, the first surface disposed to abut the rotation key at the first limit of rotation and the second surface disposed to abut the rotation key at the second limit of rotation.

45. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 44, wherein the first limit of rotation is about 90 degrees in a first direction from a first rotational position and the second limit of rotation is about 90 degrees in a second direction from the first rotational position.

46. (Original) The boot as recited as recited in claim 42, wherein the rotation control device is formed by a partial circumferential recess in the inner surface of the passageway proximate the first end.

47. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 42, wherein the first end of the body is adapted to receive the cable guide and maintain mating with an interference fit.

48. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 42, further comprising a locking ring extending inwardly from the inner surface of the passageway.

49. (Original) The boot as recited in claim 42, wherein the passageway is shaped substantially rectangularly to inhibit rotation of the cable within the passageway.

50. (Currently Amended) A boot assembly for a fiber optic cable, comprising:
a first component comprising a body and a rotation key thereon; and
a second component comprising a body and a rotation control device coupled to the body of the second component, the body of the second component adapted to be rotatably coupled to the first component, the rotation control device adapted to engage the rotation key and limit rotation.

51. (Original) The boot assembly as recited in claim 50, wherein the first component is one of a cable guide and a boot and the second component is the other of the cable guide and the boot.

52. (Original) A method for attaching a boot to a fiber optic cable, comprising:
inserting a fiber optic cable through a passageway of a cable guide, the cable guide comprising a body and a rotation key thereon; and
rotatably coupling a boot comprising a rotation control device to the cable guide, the rotation control device limiting the rotation of the cable guide relative to the boot.
53. (Original) The method as recited in claim 52, further comprising locking the cable guide to the boot with an interference fit.
54. (Original) The method as recited in claim 52, further comprising rotating the cable guide to a first rotational position.
55. (Canceled)